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Application No.: 09/218,060 Group Art Unit: 2151
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | | Additional Fee |
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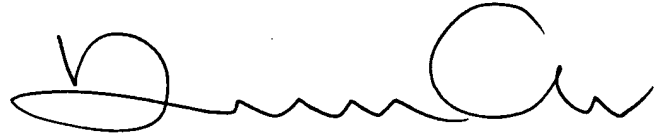
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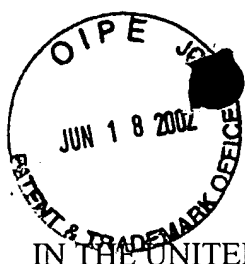
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AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the section beginning at page 1, line 3, to read as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A¹
The present application incorporates by reference the coassigned and copending U.S. Application No. 09/217,389, filed December 21, 1998, entitled "A Recyclable Locking for Multi-Threaded Computing Environments," and U.S. Application No. 09/217,402, filed December 21, 1998, entitled "A Token-Based Object Description."

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 4, to read as follows:

A²
The dynamic object storage scheme 200 stores the plurality of objects 200 so that they may be accessed as necessary by different threads within the asynchronous programming environment. The object storage scheme is dynamic in that objects may be created and removed as necessary during the execution of tasks within the asynchronous programming environment. Such schemes are known within the art. In one embodiment, the plurality of objects 200 can be locked in accordance with a recyclable locking mechanism 204, as is described in the copending

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